Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Instruction begins in the first year with examination of the eye and a lecture on various aspects of ocular disease. During the second year, students will receive a refresher lecture and lab on direct ophthalmoscopy as well as a lecture on opthalmic manifestations of systemic disease and primary ocular disease. During the third year, students are given the opportunity during the surgery clerkship to spend four weeks on the ophthalmology services. In addition, during the third year there are lectures given to students during the Internal Medicine rotations. In the fourth year, a four-week intensive clinical rotation is tailored to students interested in pursuing ophthalmology as a career. Also, research electives are available under the guidance of numerous ophthalmology faculty members for fourth-year students.

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Degrees & Requirements

While the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences does not offer its own degree, some of the department’s courses are open to students in the MD and MSTP (MD/PhD) programs. Further information about the MD and MSTP degrees can be found in the Degrees & Programs Offered (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/degrees) section of this Bulletin.

Research

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Molecular basis of cataract; the function of molecular chaperones in cataract; proteomics, imaging and biochemical studies on cell culture and mouse models for crystallin gene mutations linked with cataract; testing drugs to inhibit cataract.

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Innate immunity and immune effector mechanisms in the retina, oxidative stress and cell death, models of developmental angiogenesis and neovascularization, inflammation and photoreceptor survival, macular degeneration.

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Eye development, stochastic models of lens growth, stem cell biology, age-related cataract, UV-induced somatic mutation, ocular manifestations of Marfan syndrome, cell death suppression on the optic axis, cell biology of transparent tissues.

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Evaluating the effect of glaucoma on visual function in older adults in the home. Understanding the relationship between vision and driving in older adults with glaucoma.

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The molecular mechanisms regulating photoreceptor gene expression and the implications in understanding photoreceptor development and disease. We are focusing on three transcription factors, CRX, Nrl and NR2E3, linked to photoreceptor degenerative diseases. Molecular genetics and biochemical approaches are used to identify the regulatory pathways associated with each factor. Mouse models are used to understand why mutations in these factors cause disease and develop therapeutic strategies, including AAV-gene therapy.

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Orbital inflammatory diseases, surgical techniques and novel treatments of periocular/orbital disease.

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Clinical: development of a low-cost, simple visual function task for screening for macular disorders in the primary care setting. Education: examination of the utility of assessment tools for evaluating resident clinical progression during residency training. Development of new metrics to gauge resident progress.

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Molecular basis of immune tolerance and how apoptotic cells tolerate the immune response. The role of immune privilege in the pathogenesis of eye diseases such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD). The role of basal autophagy in the cells of the eye by using the cre-loxP system to delete essential autophagy genes from specific cell types in the eye.

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Ocular hypertension, glaucoma, keratoconus, adenoviral conjunctivitis, randomized clinical trial methodology, patient-reported outcome measures and measurement reliability.
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Cell biology of retinal development and homeostasis in mice, cone and rods cytoarchitecture.

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Treatment of uveitis, prevention of cataracts with anti-oxidants, anti-oxidants in age-related macular degeneration, retinal imaging and analysis using data mining techniques, designing OR equipment to facilitate ophthalmic surgery.

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Photoreceptor Neurobiology and Retinal Degeneration. We are a sensory neurobiology lab interested in the function of mammalian rod and cone photoreceptors. In addition, we are interested in the mechanisms of neurodegeneration in the retina and are working on developing pharmacological and gene-therapy tools for preventing photoreceptor cell death.

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To understand the principles that guide the assembly of neural circuits and to decipher the way they process information. We would like to understand the principles that guide the assembly of neural circuits in the retina and to decipher the way they process information and hope to identify features of the retinal circuit architecture that perform particular computations and characterize how they arise during development. We then probe underlying mechanisms of circuit assembly and function through genetically targeted manipulations of specific cells in the retina.

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Visual Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience Studies of Autism. Two active areas of research in my lab include: 1) behavioral and imaging studies of visual attention to and processing of eyes and faces in autistic and non-autistic subjects, and 2) developmental studies of large-scale brain networks in autistic and non-autistic subjects using functional connectivity magnetic resonance imaging (fcMRI). Example research rotation projects might include: pilot visual psychophysical studies of intermediate visual processes supporting face perception or — for trainees with computational and/or imaging skills and interests — graph theory-based analyses of visual system subnetwork structure across various groups in fcMRI data we have acquired from ongoing projects.

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Molecular genetic mechanisms underlying cataract, glaucoma and associated eye disorders: (1) genome-wide linkage analysis and targeted (exome, amplicon) sequencing for discovery of causative or susceptibility genes, and (2) genotype-phenotype and functional expression studies of naturally occurring and
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Courses

Curriculum courses for Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences are listed below (p. 13).

First Year
Introduction to clinical ophthalmology begins in the first year with a lecture and practicum (peer exam) on taking an ocular history and performing an ocular exam. Emphasis is on ophthalmoscopy. Lectures and practicum session will be led by Dr. John Lind and Dr. Morton Smith.

Second Year
During the second year, students will receive a refresher lecture and lab on direct ophthalmoscopy as well as a lecture on ophthalmic manifestations of systemic disease and primary ocular diseases.

Third Year
Third-Year Clerkship Opportunities
In the third year, students are given the opportunity to spend four weeks of their surgery rotation on the ophthalmology service. The students work closely with the ophthalmology residents and review the differential diagnosis of the "red eye," how to interpret an ophthalmologic consult note, and how to handle ocular emergencies. During this rotation, there is again emphasis on the use of the ophthalmoscope. Additional clinical skills introduced to student rotators include the use of the slit lamp and indirect ophthalmoscopy. All third-year students must complete the "Case Studies in Ophthalmology for Medical Students" and attend the periodic "feedback/oral exam" session with Dr. John Lind and/or Dr. Morton Smith.

Third Year/Fourth Year
Ophthalmology Sub-Internship Rotation ("The Sub-Eye"). During the month of June prior to fourth year, students interested in pursuing a career in ophthalmology are encouraged to rotate on this intensive four-week rotation. Students will have personal indirect ophthalmoscopy lenses available for use on the rotation. Formal didactics and workshops will be used to teach students how to perform a detailed ophthalmic history and exam including mastery of advanced slit lamp techniques and indirect fundoscopy. There will be an intense schedule of both live and recorded lectures delivered by ophthalmology faculty.
members with post-lecture quizzes. Students will be expected to perform daily required reading. Retention and understanding of reading materials will be gauged by frequent quizzes. Students are strongly encouraged to present a case at the department’s Grand Rounds. By the end of the rotation, students will be expected to function at the level of a first-year ophthalmology resident.

Curriculum Courses

M50 Ophth 655A Ophthalmology
This course provides an introduction to clinical ophthalmology with emphasis on the history and physical examination specific for diseases of the eye. Common ocular diseases, ocular manifestations of systemic disease and ocular emergencies are reviewed.
Credit 3 units.

M50 Ophth 740 Ophthalmology Clerkship
In the third year, students are given the opportunity to spend four weeks of their surgery rotation on the ophthalmology service. At least two weeks are spent in the general ophthalmology clinic and the remaining two weeks are spent in sub-specialty clinics of neuro-ophthalmology, pediatric ophthalmology, glaucoma, cornea and external disease or retina in the outpatient eye clinic examining patients with ophthalmology residents. The students work closely with the ophthalmology residents and review the differential diagnosis of the “red eye,” how to interpret an ophthalmologic consult note, how to handle an ocular emergency in the emergency room (chemical burns, etc.) During this rotation, there is again emphasis on the use of the ophthalmoscope and a comprehensive text is used by the students during the rotation.
Credit 38.5 units.

M50 Ophth 801 Ophthalmology
This elective is for senior students who plan to apply for a residency in Ophthalmology. In accordance with any sub-internship, medical students will be expected to function at the level of a beginning first-year ophthalmology resident on this rotation. The students will rotate through the resident eye clinic and the subspecialty clinics of the full time faculty of the Washington University Medical School Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (e.g., neuro-ophthalmology service, cornea/external disease service, etc.). In exchange for a refundable deposit, students may opt to check-out indirect ophthalmoscopy lenses that may be used for the month to facilitate the acquisition of fundoscopy skills. During the rotation the student’s responsibilities range from observation (including observing surgery) to working at a resident level and completing full eye examinations. Didactics will include weekly case presentation sessions to Dr. John Lind or Dr. Morton Smith, weekly attendance at grand rounds, and a mix of medical student-oriented and resident-oriented conferences. Also, there will be medical student-oriented workshops to learn the basics of the slit lamp and indirect ophthalmoscopy. On day one, students will receive a schedule of conferences that they are expected to attend during the month. By the end of the four-week rotation, the student is expected to be proficient in taking an ocular history and performing a complete eye exam including slit lamp biomicroscopy and indirect ophthalmoscopy.

M50 Ophth 816 Away Rotation in Ophthalmology
This four-week elective is for senior students from medical schools across the United States who are in good standing at their home institution and who are planning to apply for a residency in ophthalmology. The students will rotate through the resident eye clinic and the subspecialty clinics of the full time faculty of the Washington University Medical School Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (e.g., neuro-ophthalmology service, cornea/external disease service, etc.). In exchange for a refundable deposit, students may opt to check-out indirect ophthalmoscopy lenses that may be used for the month to facilitate the acquisition of fundoscopy skills. During the rotation the student’s responsibilities range from observation (including observing surgery) to working at a resident level and completing full eye examinations. Didactics will include weekly case presentation sessions to Dr. John Lind or Dr. Morton Smith, weekly attendance at grand rounds, and a mix of medical student-oriented and resident-oriented conferences. Also, there will be medical student-oriented workshops to learn the basics of the slit lamp and indirect ophthalmoscopy. On day one, students will receive a schedule of conferences that they are expected to attend during the month. By the end of the four-week rotation, the student is expected to be proficient in taking an ocular history and performing a complete eye exam including slit lamp biomicroscopy and indirect ophthalmoscopy. The final grade of the student is determined by the course director with input from the residents, fellows, and faculty members of the particular service(s) through which the student rotated.

M50 Ophth 900 Research Elective - Ophthalmology
Research opportunities may be available. If interested, please contact the Department of Ophthalmology.